

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 15-29 are pending in the application. By the present amendment, claims 1-3 and 15-17 have been amended, new claims 21-29 have been added, and claims 7-14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuing application. Consideration of all pending claims in light of any amendments thereto and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the claimed invention. The features identified by the examiner have been canceled from the claims. New drawing sheets that include the omitted reference signs noted in the Office Action have been submitted herewith.

Applicant's representative wishes to thank Examiner Wilkens for her courtesy in discussing this case during a telephone interview on September 28, 2006. Claims 1, 15, and 17 were discussed as well as the Freeman reference. While no agreement was reached with respect to specific claim language, Applicant's representative believes that the amendments to the claims further define patentable features that were discussed during the interview.

Claims 16 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. These claims have been amended to address this rejection.

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,195,968 to Freeman. Claim 1, as amended, recites a cabinet that includes top panel, bottom panel, two side panels, and a back panel wherein each of the panel has an inner and an outer surface. The inner surface of the panels face an interior cavity of the cabinet and the outer surface of the panels form an exterior surface of the cabinet. At least one of the top, side, and bottom panels includes a groove. The cabinet also includes edging material having a projection portion engaged with the groove of the at least one of said top, side and bottom panels. A first surface of the edging extends beyond the outer surface of the panel and at an angle to the outer surface to form an overhang with respect to the exterior surface of the cabinet. The edging is substantially flush with the inner surface of the panel.

Freeman does not disclose each element of the cabinet recited in claim 1. For example, Applicant's representative can find no disclosure in Freeman of a cabinet with edging material that extends beyond the outer surface of the panel and at an angle to the outer surface to form an

overhang with respect to the exterior surface of the panel. For at least this reason, claim 1 and its dependant claims 2-6 and 27-29 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 15 stands rejected as unpatentable over Freeman in view of Enns. Claim 15 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 1 and features for which Enns was cited have been canceled from the claim. Applicant's representative submits that claim 15 and its dependant claims 16-17 and 24-26 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons outlined above in connection with claim 1.

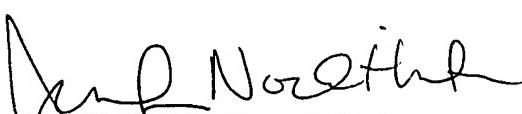
Claim 17 stands rejected as unpatentable over Freeman. Claim 17 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 1. Applicant's representative submits that claim 17 and its dependant claims 18-23 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons outlined above in connection with claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicant's representative submits that all of the claims in this case (i.e., claims 1-6 and 15-29) are now in condition for allowance and an indication to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the USPTO believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the USPTO should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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